

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN TICKNALL VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2020

Present: Councillors Paul Colleyshaw (Chair) Councillor Oppenheimer (Vice Chair), Nigel Picken, Alan Buxton, Susan Browne and David Meredith.

Staff and Public in attendance: District Councillor Kerry Haines, District Councillor Andrew Churchill, County Councillor Linda Chilton, 1 member of the public and Celia Bunston (Clerk)

2366/20 Apologies: None

2367/20 Declaration of Members Interests – no declarations were made.

2368/20 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest. No requests for dispensations were received.

2369/20 – Public Speaking

a) Parish Councillor Colleyshaw

Parish Councillor Paul Colleyshaw addressed the meeting about storm Dennis which occurred overnight of 15th to 16th February. He said that we have to set up an action group to help prevent, solve and find solutions so that this flooding does not occur in the future.

Following the heavy rain on the night of 15-16 February extensive flooding caused by run off from the fields occurred in Ashby Road, High Street and Main Street. he was out from 2:30 am, with Councillor Meredith and Councillor Browne until 4:30 am monitoring the situation. He also reported that Bantons Lane was badly damaged by flooding, and a property on Melbourne Lane was flooded.

However, on returning at 7:00 am he was relieved that the flooding had subsided somewhat he went to every road drain to ensure that debris was removed from the grates. During this exercise I noticed at least 15 drains in various parts of the village were blocked with silt, stones and debris.

He believes that if all of these drains, gullies and culverts were clear and running at their best we would have coped far better with the situation and probably not have had any houses with water ingress.

In the ensuing discussions it was noted that culverts are handled by Severn Trent Water and gullies are the responsibility of Derbyshire County Council and South Derbyshire District Council. Another issue was that when trying to phone the police on 101, so that the road could be closed, we were unable to reach them. We want to ask to have the authority to close the road ourselves in a crucial situation such as this one.

We are pleased to report that by 18th February sandbags had been delivered to properties, drains had been cleared and the pavements had been swept of debris.

We will be having a meeting with Severn Trent Water in the next week to establish to what extent the culvert is blocked and to have it cleared out as soon as possible.

Councillor Oppenheimer commented that the flooding in Ticknall is the clear focus for us, however, there is an added indirect effect on us with the increase in traffic due to road closures elsewhere. This affects safety on the small lanes and on the A514 because of speeding etc.

County Councillor Chilton was asked to find out what authority is responsible to enforce farmers and landowners to keep the ditches on their land clear of debris. These ditches have been badly neglected. If this is done regularly, flooding into homes would be much less likely. We plan to write to Heather Wheeler MP to ask her to raise these matters in parliament. We will copy in the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils and ask them to raise these issues with NALC.

b) District Councillor Andrew Churchill

District Councillor Churchill sympathised and said that they had suffered equally distressing events in Repton. He has visited Repton residents who were affected and has agreed to visit those residents who suffered water ingress in Ticknall. He suggested that Ticknall joins Repton to form a pressure group to tackle the issues.

He reported that there are grants available from SDDC and from Severn Trent Water. He also reported that it is now easier to report dog fouling. www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/our-services/street-care/dog-control/dog-and-animal-fouling It can also easily be found by just typing dog fouling in the search facility on the SDDC website.

c) District Councillor Kerry Haines

District Councillor Kerry Haines reported that there are Keep Britain Tidy awards for litter picking groups in the district.

She also reported that she and Councillor Churchill will hold their next surgery in The Café in Repton Village Hall on 7th March at 10.00 am.

d) County Councillor Linda Chilton

County Councillor Chilton presented the Parish Council with a cheque for £350 as a donation towards the celebrations of the 75th Anniversary of VE Day to be held on Saturday 9th May. The Parish Council is very appreciative of this gesture and thanks Linda very much.

e) Members of the Public

A member of the public came to the meeting to say that he continues his efforts to influence speed control in the village. In July 2019 he came to a Parish Council Meeting to say that we ticked every box for calming measures because the 3 deaths rule was no longer in force. But he has been informed now by South Derbyshire Police that 4 fatal accidents are now the new rule. He has tried and failed to find out who instigated the new rule. He is expecting a reply to this from Derbyshire County Council. He would like to ask our MP to bring Derbyshire County Council's regulations in line with Leicestershire and other surrounding counties, which make installing traffic calming measures much easier to put in place.

2370/20 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th January 2020

RESOLVED: To confirm the minutes of the meeting on 7th January 2020

2371/20 Statement of Representation regarding the South Derbyshire Local Green Spaces Plan Modifications Consultation.

RESOLVED: To write in response to the consultation of point out that 4 Green Spaces that were asked to be included have not been included in the Plan and to request that they are.

2372/20 Approach from a local Parish Council regarding a lobby group to reduce speed limits to 20mph.

RESOLVED: To contact the Parish Council

2373/20 Clerk's Report

- a) VE Day commemorations – plans are proceeding, with interest from Scoff & Shop who will put on a VE Day Breakfast, and The Chequers who will take part in the 'The Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2' at 3pm on VE Day they will provide a buffet.
- b) The school want to put in more toilets, because last year one of the toilets was broken, so it was not satisfactory. This year, that will not be a problem, there will also be an extra toilet in the church that is available. We will be having a meeting with all the groups soon to bring all of the plans together so will establish what toilets are required, and if necessary, price the cost of an extra portaloo.
The school also asked for more bins. The village hall will put in a request for these.

We need the help of the police to monitor the traffic.

- c) Stone walls, Ticknall – Mather Jamie has received the report from their Heritage Consultant that they requested on the condition stone walls repairs. On the basis of the Heritage Consultant's recommendations, the Harpur Crewe Estate intends to start on a programme of rectification works on the properties identified. They intend to start these works on the roadside garden wall at 41 Ashby Road and will be hiring the services of a qualified stone mason with experience of working on local heritage properties to carry out the repairs and re-pointing work.

The Parish Council asked the Clerk to contact Mather Jamie ask them to include the outbuildings at Grange Farm which are marked on the Ticknall Conservation Area map as being of special interest, and to also include the stone wall in front of the entrance to the Estate Office on to the list of walls that will be repairs and re-pointing.

RESOLVED: To contact Mather Jamie to ask them to include the outbuildings of Grange Farm and the walls in front of the Estate Office.

- d) Refurbishment of the toilets in the village hall car park. These are still not completed,

RESOLVED: To ask Councillor Haines to push for completion.

- e) Flood Signs – the Parish Council will include these into their action group meeting.

- f) Armed Forces Covenant – The Parish Council has received the certificate and it is now available on the website.

2374/20 The Grange and Pavilion - Nothing to report.

2375/20 Drainage

- a) Response to letter to DCC about unblocking of drains on High Street and Main Street
- b) Response to letter to DCC about the dredging of the culvert.

RESOLVED: That these matters will now be dealt with as part of the action group for flooding prevention.

2376/20 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

Ref. No: DMPA/2019/1407

The installation of a biomass boiler and fuel store with associated pipework, internal and external alterations to stable building and the removal of existing oil boiler and the installation of a heat exchanger within farmhouse at Southwood House, Staunton Lane, Calke, Ashby De La Zouch, LE65 1RG

Ref. No: DMPA/2019/1457

Listed Building Consent for the installation of a biomass boiler and fuel store with associated pipework, internal and external alterations to stable building and the removal of existing oil boiler and the installation of a heat exchanger within farmhouse at Southwood House, Staunton Lane, Calke, Ashby de la Zouch,

Ref. No: DMOT/2020/0118

The felling of chestnut tree at Slade House, Rose Lane, Ticknall, Derby, DE73 7JW

RESOLVED: To make no comments to the above applications.

Planning Decisions:

9 2018 0289 – Relevant demolition consent for demolition of existing garage and part of front boundary wall at 31 Chapel Street, Ticknall.

RELEVANT DEMOLITION CONSENT APPLICATION WITHDRAWN.

9 2018 0269 – Demolition of existing garage and part of frontage wall at 31 Chapel Street, Ticknall.
FULL APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

RESOLVED: To note the planning decisions.

2377/20 Finance

a) Receipts since last meeting:

HSBC – Bank interest for January	£2.07
Ticknall Cricket Club – Fixtures fees to March 2020	£1037.50
Ticknall Cricket Club – Contribution towards electricity 2019-20	£295.47
HSBC – Bank interest for February	£2.07

Since agenda:

Derbyshire County Council – donation towards VE Day	£350.00
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b) Payments since last meeting:

Community Heartbeat – replacement pad for defibrillator £38.50, £7.60 VAT	£45.60 BACS
Ferndale Garden Services – remove tree and lights e-on – pavilion electricity £277.67, £13.88	£60.00 BACS £291.55 DD
A. Melan, (Screwfix) lighting for pavilion £10.57, £2.11 VAT	£12.68 BACS
A. Melan, (Screwfix) lighting for pavilion £3.91, £0.78 VAT	£4.69 BACS
H. Brandon – cleaning pavilion January	£50.00 BACS
HP – monthly ink account for January £6.66, £1.33 VAT	£7.99 VISA
Acropro – Monthly Account for January £12.64, £2.53 VAT	£15.17 VISA
C. Bunston – net pay for January	£273.38 BACS
Derbyshire County Council – Pension payments for January	£65.68 BACS
C, Bunston (Tesco) Printing Paper £8.37, £1.68 VAT	£10.05 BACS
C. Bunston (Tesco) Postage Stamps	£16.80 BACS
C.J. Lewis – Newsletter	£75.00 BACS
Water Plus – pavilion water	£41.58 DD

c) Payments for approval:

Heath Pest Control 01-02-20 to 30-04-20, £167.50, £33.50 VAT £201.00

Since agenda:

O. Heap – Fire alarm & emergency lighting £162.25, £32.45 VAT	£194.70 BACS
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RESOLVED: To approve the payments.

d) Checking of invoices against bank statements:

RESOLVED: That the invoices, checked against the bank statements, are in order, and these were initialled by Councillors Oppenheimer and Buxton.

2378/20 Correspondence:

- Statement of Representation regarding the South Derbyshire Local Green Spaces Plan Modifications Consultation. The Clerk will respond.
- The Methodist Chapel – a letter to thank the Parish Council for its donation of £200 from the carols around the tree. It also outlined work needed on the 205-year-old chapel which included, repair or replace some of the windows, work on the ridge tiles on the roof and repointing.

RESOLVED: Councillor Meredith will find out how much the work is going to cost.

2379/20 - Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Circular 01-2020
2020 Training Schedules

RESOLVED: To note the DALC circulars.

2380/20 Reports to note: No reports to note.

2381/20 Reports from representatives to outside bodies and special duties:

- a) Flood Liaison Meeting. There was nothing relating to Ticknall particularly, but Twyford has a group that could be contacted for useful contacts.
- b) CREST response.
Councillor Picken found that the information is back on CREST's website but no conclusions were drawn. And it appears that it is only for the enforcement agencies' use. He did find that the more CREST is out and about drivers' behaviour is improved, which is a good thing.
- c) Christmas tree.
Councillor Colleyshaw asked the National Trust if they would provide a village Christmas tree for this coming year. He is hopeful that they will do this.
- d) Condition of stile on High Street.
Councillor Meredith met with the stile's owner to ask if he would consider carrying out repairs on it, considering its historical value. He agreed that he would talk to the conservation officer at SDDC for guidance.
- e) Graffiti – graffiti was noticed on signs going towards Smisby and on Melbourne Lane.

RESOLVED: The clerk was asked to report to DCC for its removal.

- f) Area Forum meeting. There was nothing specific to Ticknall.
- g) Community Liaison Group
Councillor Picken reported that he had informed Calke Park that the Parish Council has its own website. Calke Park asked if they could have a link from the website to Calke Park.

RESOLVED: The clerk will investigate.

2382/20 Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 31st March at 7,30pm preceded by a councillor surgery at 7.15pm. The Press and Public are welcome to attend.